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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 3 and add new claim 4 as follows (with changes being shown on the attachment hereto):

3. (Amended) An optical connector as defined in claim 2, wherein said support region is formed in a V-shaped section.

4. (New) An optical connector as defined in claim 1, wherein said support region is formed in a V-shaped section.

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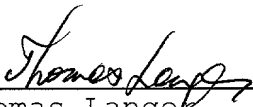
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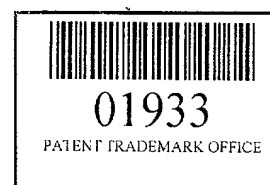
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